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Mr. John W. Klotz  
Deputy Executive Director  
Committee on Electronics  
Research and Development Board  
Washington 25, D.C.

Dear Mr. Klotz:

Thank you again for your suggestions forwarded 7 May 1952 concerning Periodical Abstracts. Your letter has been given further study since our conversations early this summer.

As you may know, the present format of PerAbs was adopted after consultation with the members of the Intelligence Advisory Committee. The suggestion concerning use of a standardized format in PerAbs has been taken under advisement by the offices directly concerned, and it is anticipated that the matter will likewise be taken up with the Intelligence Advisory Committee members at the earliest opportunity.

We are, of course, open to suggestions for improving our publication procedures at all times. In regard to your specific suggestions concerning Periodical Abstracts the following situation obtains:

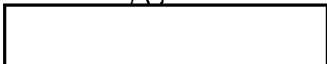
- (1) The abstracts are presently arranged by subject. Only the list of periodicals abstracted are arranged by title of journal.
- (2) The table of contents, listing specific articles by subject, will be added as you requested. The next issue of Periodical Abstracts and all subsequent issues will provide the desired index.
- (3) Provision of the cumulative index requested confronts us with the problem of producing a publication involving some fifty thousand entries with no immediate prospects of obtaining the necessary facilities. However, I, personally, find great merit in the proposal and will do all I can to gain support of cognizant offices for such a publication.

I assure you that greater usefulness of Agency publications to the consumer governs our judgment at all time, and I hope you will bear with us in any delay which may be necessary for acting upon suggested improvements.

Cordially yours,

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REMARKS:

Ralph: Since the basic memo was addressed to you, the proposed reply, attached, is forwarded for your signature.

Please note that OO received the basic memo on August 26th although it is dated 7 May.

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